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1. Three officers and about 120 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets left the Generals' Quarter in Neuer Garten, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), on 23 August 1950. The troops practiced street fighting, moving along Alleestrasse and Nedlitzerstrasse toward Nedlitz. Twelve officers and 150 EM wearing black-bordered red epaulets left the Generals' Quarter on 24 August 1950, marching to Bornstedterfeld for infantry training. (1)
2. German laborers removed the partitions between several rooms in the northern wing of the Unteroffizierschule. They said that the work was to be completed by the end of September 1950. The installation was allegedly occupied by about 250 troops on 23 August 1950. (2)

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3. [REDACTED] learned from a Soviet guard that only a 10-man guard detail was in the Koenigswald at that time. Allegedly the troops were not to return before Christmas 1950. (3)

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4. Nine amphibious cars crossed the Jungfernssee en route to the Koenigswald. They returned after about 15 minutes. [REDACTED] (4)

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5. A fireman from the Delius Kaserne said that nine caterpillar tractors and eight guns returned to the installation about 8:30 p.m. on 29 August 1950. Eight 152-mm guns, nine caterpillar tractors, six trucks and one radio truck were cleaned in the yard on 30 August 1950. A Soviet soldier said that he had been at Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00). Twelve caterpillar tractors towing 152-mm guns, followed by about 20 officers and 120 EM on foot, and eight caterpillar tractors towing 122-mm guns, followed by 10 officers and 70 EM, left the Delius Kaserne on 31 August 1950, going to Bornstedterfeld for aiming practice.
6. Troops wearing gas masks drilled with twelve 152-mm guns and four 122-mm guns in the yard of the Delius Kaserne on 1 September 1950. The damaged track links of the about 40 caterpillar tractors in the installation were replaced on 2 September 1950. Drill with eight 152-mm guns and four 122-mm guns was held in the yard on 4 September 1950. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area on 5 September 1950. The troops worked at the storehouses and quarters.

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7. On 6 September 1950 at 10:30 a.m. motor vehicles in the following order left the Delius Kaserne: Five caterpillar tractors towing four 122-mm guns and one spare gun barrel; six trucks

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[redacted], each carrying 25 soldiers, one truck towing a bus trailer occupied by officers, and one truck towing a cold field kitchen; 15 caterpillar tractors, 12 towing 152-mm guns and three spare gun barrels; 18 trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 25 men, two trucks loaded with mattresses and bedsteads, eight trucks towing trailers with ammunition, two trucks towing bus trailers occupied by officers, two trucks towing cold field kitchens; and two radio trucks. A second convoy of about the same composition left the Delius Kaserne at 3 p.m. on 6 September 1950. The motor vehicles had

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8. Only a lieutenant colonel, a political officer with the rank of a senior lieutenant, and a rear detail of one senior lieutenant and 35 to 40 EM remained in the Delius Kaserne on 6 September 1950. All doors in the installation were locked and sealed with the exception of the door of the building housing the guard detail. When the supply officer who controlled the German laborers left he said: "You (do) no work now, (for) fifty days, then we (will be) back from Altengrabow". The German workers were not discharged. (5)
9. A German worker in the Delius Kaserne said that the entire engineer unit had returned from the Koenigswald. The unit assembled at the patch of woods near the Delius Kaserne at 6:30 p.m. on 5 September 1950. The equipment of the unit included 20 pontoons. The headquarters personnel and the military band from the barracks were observed with the troops. An officer allegedly said that the engineer unit would go to the Elbe River and practice there for 50 days. Only a rear detail of 30 men was left in the barracks on 6 September 1950. (6)

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- (1) The troops presumably belonged to the guard unit stationed in the Generals' Quarter. [redacted]
- (2) According to another source about 500 troops were quartered in the former Unteroffizierschule on 22 August 1950. [redacted] 25X1A
- (3) On 19 August 1950 the same source reported that the Potsdam engineer units which used to practice in the engineer training area at the Koenigswald were no longer there. [redacted] 25X1A
- (4) The amphibious cars belonged to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG in the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam, [redacted]
- (5) Artillery components of the unidentified Arty Div of the GOFG are stationed in the Delius Kaserne [redacted] The report indicates that all units left the installation on 6 September 1950 after an artillery unit had apparently returned to the post for a temporary stay and necessary maintenance. It is believed that the entire artillery brigade in the Delius Kaserne, probably the 30th Gds Gur Arty Brig, went to Altengrabow for short training cycles throughout the summer of 1950.
- (6) The entire unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG including the engineer unit which previously practiced at the Koenigswald, apparently left the Delius Kaserne for engineer practice on the Elbe River, possibly at Bittkau.

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